

REMARKS

Claims 1-76 are currently active.

In the Notice of Non-Responsive Amendment dated July 19, 2007, the Examiner points out that the reply filed on August 28, 2006, failed to address the patentability of the newly presented claims as required. In response to this, the Declaration submitted with the Amendment dated May 17, 2006, removed the prior art reference Manczak. In the Supplemental Response dated August 25, 2006, applicants explain in detail why the rejected claims are not anticipated by Jiang. The detailed explanation provided as to why Jiang does not anticipate the rejected claims is also applicable to the newly added claims. Basically, Jiang does not teach or suggest a switching element in communication with the network elements which route the request, as found in Claim 27 and Claim 53. All the remaining new claims are dependent to these independent claims and are also patentable over Jiang for the same reason, that Jiang does not teach or suggest a switching element, as more fully explained in the August 25, 2006, Supplemental Response.

In the Notice of Non-Responsive Amendment dated July 19, 2007, there is also a Request for Information, where antecedent support for the newly added claims is found. In response to this request for information, the following information is supplied.

Antecedent support for Claims 27, 28, 53 and 54 is found in Figure 2.

Antecedent support for Claim 29 is found on page 9, line 27.

Antecedent support for Claim 30 is found on page 9, line 26.

Antecedent support for Claim 31 is found on page 9, line 15.

Antecedent support for Claim 32 is found on page 9, line 10.

Antecedent support for Claim 33 is found on page 9, line 11.

Antecedent support for Claim 34 is found on page 9, line 12.

Antecedent support for Claim 35 is found on page 9, line 4.

Antecedent support for Claim 36 is found on page 10, line 10.

Antecedent support for Claim 37 is found on page 10, lines 8 and 9.

Antecedent support for Claim 38 is found on page 10, line 25.

Antecedent support for Claim 39 is found on page 11, line 7.

Antecedent support for Claim 40 is found on page 11, lines 14 and 15.

Antecedent support for Claim 41 is found on page 12, line 3.

Antecedent support for Claim 42 is found on page 12, line 19.

Antecedent support for Claim 43 is found on page 12, line 25.

Antecedent support for Claim 44 is found on page 13, line 15.

Antecedent support for Claim 45 is found on page 13, line 15.

Antecedent support for Claim 46 is found on page 15, line 1.

Antecedent support for Claim 47 is found on page 15, line 16.

Antecedent support for Claim 48 is found on page 16, line 22.

Antecedent support for Claim 49 is found on page 29, line 20.

Antecedent support for Claim 50 is found on page 29, line 24.

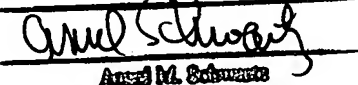
Antecedent support for Claim 51 is found on page 30, line 7.

Antecedent support for Claim 52 is found on page 30, lines 14 and 15.

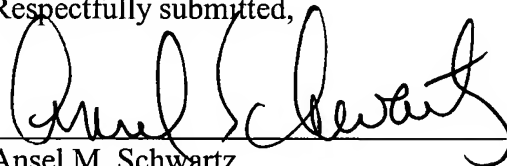
In regard to method Claims 55-76, they correspond to apparatus Claims 29-52 and have the same antecedent basis, respectively.

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In view of the foregoing remarks, it is respectfully requested that the outstanding rejections and objections to this application be reconsidered and withdrawn, and Claims 1-76, now in this application be allowed.

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